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SUBJECT: VISA FACILITATION: LATEST POLISH INQUIRY ON THE
STATE OF PLAY

REF: (A) WARSAW 1781, (B) STATE 64622, (C) WARSAW 6009,
(D) WARSAW 6468, (E) STATE 205939

1. ON AUGUST 23, DURING A MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECTS,
MINISTERIAL CONSELOR ROMAN BROSZ OF THE MFA'S CONSULAR
DEPARTMENT ASKED THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR COUNSELOR TO MEET
WITH HIM, PROBABLY IN MED-SEPTEMBER, WHEN BROSZ RETURNED
FROM LEAVE, TO DISCUSS THE ENTIRE VISA FACILITATION QUESTION.
HE SPECIFIED THAT, IF THE US SIDE WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN
DISCUSSING TIMELY ISSUANCE OF DIPLOMATIC AND SERVICE
VISAS TO OFFICIALS AND DEPENDENTS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS,
WE SHOULD ADDRESS OURSELVES TO THE DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL
DEPARTMENT OF THE MFA, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH
MATTERS. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, WE WANTED TO DISCUSS THE
ENTIRE GAMUT OF VISA FACILITATION QUESTIONS, THE CONSULAR
DEPARTMENT WAS THE PROPER VENUE FOR SUCH TALKS.

2. THE EMBASSY OFFICER NOTED THAT WE CURRENTLY HAD
THIRZ PROPOSALS INVOLVING THE QUESTION OF VISA FACILITATION
BEFORE THE MFA. (SEE REF. (A).) WE HOPED THAT THERE COULD
BE AS MUCH PROGRESS AS POSSIBLE ON THE VARIOUS PARTS
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OF ALL THESE PROPOSALS AS OUR RESPECTIVE LAWS AND
REGULATIONS ALLOWED. WHEN BROSZ ASKED IF THIS MEANT "STEP-
BY-STEP" PROGRESS, THE EMBASSY OFFICER RESPONDED THAT IT
MEANT THAT WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD IN AS MANY FIELDS AS
WE COULD MUTUALLY AGREE UPON. CLEARLY, THERE WERE
THINGS MFA MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO DO UNDER POLISH
LAW, REGULATION, OR PROCEDURE. OBVIOUSLY, THE SAME THING

APPLIED TO THE UNITED STATES. BROSZ SAID THAT HE
WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY BY NOT LATER THAN MID-
SEPTEMBER.

3. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S
GUIDANCE ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:
(A) WHAT POSITION DOES THE DEPARTMENT
WISH US TO TAKE ON THE ISSUANCE OF A,C, AND G VISAS
IN LIGHT OF THE POINTS MADE IN REF. (C)?
(B) DOES THE DEPARTMENT WISH THIS ENTIRE SUBJECT OF
VISA FACILITATION DISCUSS IN WARSAW OR IN WASHINGTON?
(C) WE NOTE THAT TWO IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN THE
VISA FACILITATION ISSUE ARE CREW VISAS AND FOR LOT/PANAM PER
SONNEL AND ONE YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR SCHOOL
TEACHERS. WOULD THE DEPARTMENT WANT ALL PARTS OF
THE VISA FACILITATION ISSUE HANDLED IN WASHINGTON
OR ONLY SOME OF THEM? (NOTE: IN REF. (E), THE
DEPARTMENT INDICATED THAT IT WOULD RAISE CREW
VISAS IN WASHINGTON. END NOTE)
(D) THE GENERAL PROBLEM OF EXCESSIVE PROCESSING
DEPENDENTS COMING HERE FOR ASSIGNMENT OR TEMPORARY
OFFICIAL VISITS CONTINUES TO CONCERN US. THE LATEST
CASE OF JOHN J. HYLAND, NEW C AND R OFFICER, AND
HIS FAMILY REPORTED ON STATE 213191, IS BUT THE LATEST
CASE OF INORDINATE DELAY IN A SEPARATE
TELEGRAM, WE HAVE ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE
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FOR US THE EXACT LENGTH OF TIME THE POLISH EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON HAS TAKEN TO PROCESS VISAS FOR USG PERSONNEL
WHO TRANSFERRED INTO POLAND FOR A REGULAR TOUR OF DUTY
THIS SUMMER. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE LENGTHENING THE
PERIODS OF TIME WE ARE TAKING TO PROCESS PENDING AND
FUTURE POLISH DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL VISA APPLICATIONS
UNDER THE VISA HORSE PROCEDURE. WE HOPE THEREBY TO
DEMONSTRATE TO OUR POLISH COUNTERPARTS THAT TREATMENT
OF VISA APPLICATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE RECIPROCAL IN
THE FUTURE.

(E) FINALLY, THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF OUR
CONCERN WITH THE PROBLEM OF DOCUMENTATION OF THE EMBASSY'S
ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF. WE WOULD PROPOSE
INCLUDING THIS ISSUE IN THE RANGE OF SUBJECTS TO BE
DISCUSSED UNDER THE VISA FACILITATION RUBRIC. THE
ARGUMENTATION THAT COULD BE USED WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:
QTE THE PRACTICE OF THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS TO
IDENTIFY EMPLOYEES BY MEANS OF "DIPLOMATIC" OR
"OFFICIAL" PASSPORTS ON THE BASIS OF PERSONAL RANK
AND WITHOUT SPECIFIC REGARD FOR THE DIPLOMATIC RANK, IF
ANY, OF A PARTICULAR EMPLOYEE. ACCORDINGLY, MANY
MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF

AN EMBASSY ARE REGULARLY ISSUED "DIPLOMATIC" PASSPORTS, ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT HOLD DIPLOMATIC RANK. WHEN NOTIFYING THE MINISTRY OF THE ARRIVAL OF A MEMBER OF THIS DIPLOMATIC MISSION, THE EMBASSY ALWAYS SPECIFIES WHETHER THE NEW ARRIVAL DOES OR DOES NOT BEAR A DIPLOMATIC TITLE. THE EMBASSY SUBMITS THAT SUCH NOTIFICATION IS ENTIRELY SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT THE MINISTRY TO DOCUMENT THE NEW ARRIVAL AS A DIPLOMATIC OR NON-DIPLOMATIC MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY STAFF. THE EMBASSY IS ABLE TO FIND NO BASIS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR THE PRACTICE OF THE MINISTRY IN REFUSING TO DOCUMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT. RATHER, THE DETERMINATION OF WHAT KIND OF AMERICAN

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IDENTITY DOCUMENT IS ISSUED TO AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS RESERVED TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHILE THE DETERMINATION OF WHAT KIND OF A POLISH IDENTITY DOCUMENT IS ISSUED TO SUCH EMPLOYEES IS RESERVED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND. ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT THE MINISTRY RESCIND ITS PRACTICE OF SPECIFYING THE TYPE OF UNITED STATES PASSPORT WHICH MUST BE CARRIED BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY STAFF. END QTE END COMMENT.

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